

ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF NONVOTING TAXPAYERS
Minutes of meeting 10 A.M., SATURDAY, July 19, 2014, at
4 Fairgrounds Road

1. Attending: Lou Bassano, Howard Blitman, David Brown, Roger Ernst, Lucas Fischer, Sue Matloff, Steve Meader, Bill Sherman, and Jay Strauss --- a quorum. Also present were Harris Stone, Peter Kahn and Mrs. Bassano. (M/M Bassano left at 10:22 pm.) Members absent: Donald Green, Tony Walsh.
2. ACNVT Chair Howard Blitman called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The proposed agenda for the meeting was approved. The minutes of the June 28, 2014 meeting were approved.
3. Howard Blitman asked for nominations of members to serve as ACNVT officers. Lou Bassano proposed Howard Blitman as Chair; for Vice-Chair Jay Strauss and Secretary Bill Sherman were proposed. Hearing no further nominations, the slate was unanimously voted.
4. Bill Sherman reported that Dr. Margot Hartmann, President of the Cottage Hospital, asked that her invitation to speak be deferred from 8/2 to our 8/30/14 meeting. The front-page article in the 7/17/14 I&M was cited, with the explanation that Dr. Hartmann thought she properly should make her presentation to the BOS on Wednesday evening July 23 first, then to the ACNVT.
5. In the discussion that followed, Lou voiced the view that an on-site upgrade of NCH is wiser than new construction offsite, one building at a time. Howard (with much experience in building renovations) concurred. Roger Ernst expressed belief that siting in the Town's Wyer's Valley would have lower traffic impact than the present NCH site. Two adverse comments: upgrade helicopter transports rather than NCH, and NCH seen as one step above first-aid station.
6. Suggestion was made that, toward the end of the 8/30/14 meeting with Dr. Hartmann, ACNVT should seek consensus on a letter to send to the BOS with our recommendations as to NCH upgrade. With the letter attach a summary of ACNVT member experience with hospital upgrades elsewhere. Howard offered to determine MGH views on NCH upgrade. He also reported the concern of the Nantucket Land Council that a Wyer's Valley siting of NCH could impact the aquifer below.
7. Jay Strauss recalled his experience with a Rhode Island hospital rebuilt on-site to bring its stick-built construction into compliance

with the fire code. Sue Matloff was on the board of a Marion, CT hospital rebuilt with a decrease in the number of beds. Anticipating our further study of pros and cons, Howard urged that we prepare by getting the views of our summer resident constituents.

8. Allen Reinhard will be invited to our August 2 meeting for his thoughts on the Wyer's Valley site.
9. A reminder: ACNVT is co-sponsoring with the Nantucket Community Association the annual Summer Forum. Attendance by ACNVT members is urged. The 2014 Summer Forum is set for 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. on Monday, July 28, in the Great Room of the Atheneum.
10. Reverting to Sconset bluff issues, Howard through the Nantucket Land Council has been following the SBPF efforts before the ConCom to get approvals, twice turned down. Added to risks of scouring beaches on either side, the proposed armoring also entails high maintenance cost indefinitely. Others spoke of declining Baxter Road property values apparent especially to those whose purchases post-dated obvious bluff erosion.
11. If traffic studies are made available this summer by the Richmond group, developers of Valero and Glowacki properties along Old South Road, Traffic Planner Mike Burns might be asked for his views. Otherwise, Lauren Sinatra, Director of the Town's Energy Department, will be invited.
12. Other pending issues: relocation of the in-town tank farm (ownership?), future of Sherburne Commons, and reliability of Comcast CATV.
13. The meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Sherman, Secretary

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